

Amendments to the drawings

Enclosed please find new formal drawings.

Enclosure: Replacement Sheets

Remarks

In the official action, the Examiner indicated that the Examiner withdrew the double-patenting rejection issued in the previous official action. The Examiner is thanked for withdrawing the rejection as previously requested by the Applicant.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 8-12, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly being fully anticipated by US Patent No. 6,501,832 to Saylor et al.

As the Examiner will note by reference to the claims amendments made to this application, claim 1 has been amended to include the essence of that which was heretofore claimed in claim 2.

However, it is noted that the Examiner rejected claim 2, the Examiner providing a very brief description as to why claim 2 was rejected in the last whole paragraph on page 2 of the official action. Original claim 2, and claim 1 as now amended specify setting the voice personality of voice service sites "that operate by serving, from voice page servers, voice pages in the form of text with imbedded voice markup tags to a voice browser" and wherein "a set of voice personality characterisers identified by indications included in a voice page of a previously-visited voice service site and used by the voice browser for presenting voice output" in presenting the pages.

Saylor, on the other hand, simply teaches retrieving, at a user login, a user-specified set of voice personality characteristics for presenting the output of all the voice pages to that particular user. Claim 1, on the other hand, makes it clear that the voice personality characterisers are specified by an accessed voice page.

Turning to the assertions made by the Examiner in the official action, the Examiner asserts that Saylor teaches "wherein the vpage server sites serve voice pages in the form of VoxML tags and where these tags are interpreted." First, it is not seen what the Examiner's interpretation of what Saylor says has to do with the subject matter of old claim 2, as incorporated into claim 1 and noted above. It is noted that tags are discussed in the last whole paragraph in column 18 of Saylor, but Saylor's tags do not seem to have anything to do with Saylor's voice personalization features.

It is believed that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over Saylor and therefore the Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claim 10, another independent claim in this application, has been amended to recite that the voice pages comprise text with imbedded voice markup tags and moreover to indicate that a set of voice personality characterisers are identified by "indications included in a voice page of a most recent previously-accessed voice service site."

Since Saylor's voice personalization features are automatically applied when a user logs on to the system (see the Examiner's characterization of Saylor on page 2 of the official action), it is not seen how Saylor is relevant to amended claim 10.

Turning now to the new formal drawings being submitted herewith, the Examiner will note that there are differences between these drawings and the originally filed drawings. The originally filed drawings were really intended for a different application although the originally filed drawings and the newly filed drawings are rather similar to each other.

It is believed that the submission of these drawings does not raise any new matter issues for a number of reasons. First, as the Examiner will note by reference to the newly submitted drawings, Figures 1-5 relate to the prior art and comport with the discussion of the prior art found at pages 1-5 of the application as filed.

Second, Figure 6, that relates to the disclosed technology, is described in detail in the specification at pages 7-9 and it is submitted that since new Figure 6 is supported by the written disclosure, that there is no issue of new matter by its introduction at this stage.

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

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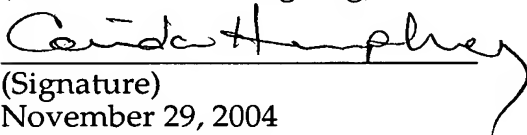
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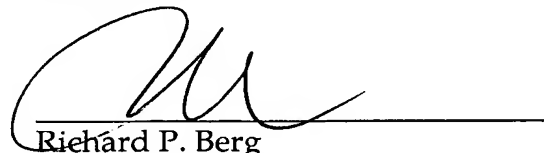


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